

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

The following changes are made to clarify that the switching of the diode is achieved with the at least one switching means. Also, minor changes are made to eliminate duplicate claims (dependency of claims 13, 15) and claim language (reference to structure already set forth in claims 10, 18). An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jay Einerson on 06 January 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **In the Claims**

In claim 1, line 10, after "connection (44)" insert ---by the at least one switching means---.

In claim 11, line 2, after "that" insert ---the--- and after "and" insert ---the---.

In claim 13, line 1, change "1" to ---11---.

In claim 15, line 1, change "1" to ---13---.

In claim 18, line 2, after "that" insert ---the--- and after "and" insert ---the---.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary K. Graham whose telephone number is 571-272-1274. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday to Friday (7:00-5:00).

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